

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held September 16, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"In the wake of the tragic Metrolink train crash last Friday that claimed the lives of at least 25 people, critically injured dozens more, and deeply impacted these victims' families, it is imperative that assistance be provided to these families immediately to help lessen the financial and emotional hardship suffered.

"The focus now has to move beyond the technical details of what caused the crash and toward how Los Angeles County can best provide the resources necessary to help the families that have been devastated by this accident.

"We must identify the needs of these families and develop a Victims Assistance Fund organized among Los Angeles County, Metrolink (Southern California Regional Rail Authority), and Ventura County that can meet those needs and raise the required funding."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) was instructed to take the following actions:

- 1. Work directly with the Metrolink and the Ventura County Chief Executive Officers and Chairs to immediately assist with a Victims Assistance Fund (Fund) to provide the financial, emotional and government support necessary for the families of the victims of the September 12, 2008, Metrolink crash and to report back to the Board next week with an update on the status of this Fund, the details of the Fund, and the parameters for which this Fund can be used to provide assistance; and
- Send letters to the major financial institutions asking if they would make adjustments in the mortgage payments that are due on the homes of the families of the victims for the next 90 days, while the status of the Fund is being completed.

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